

THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20505

Office of the Director

29 March 1971

The Honorable Robert F. Froehlke
Assistant Secretary of Defense (Administration)
Room 3E822
The Pentagon

Dear Bob:

Your DASD(I) Staff and the DCI Staff make extensive use of the resources data covered in Program 3 (Intelligence) of the Five Year Defense Plan (FYDP).

From discussions between our respective staffs, it appears that there is a close similarity in our interests with respect to the aggregations, manipulations and tabulations that can be produced from the FYDP. The preparation of these compilations, however, now must be done by hand and repeated separately by each user. This is unnecessarily slow and inefficient for all of us, particularly when we are all trying to pre-package data for rapid use in the busy program review period just ahead.

Upon investigation, I have been told that it would be quite feasible for the ASD (Comptroller) to provide a card deck of the FYDP information that has been assembled by that Office with respect to each of the Program Elements comprising the Consolidated Defense Intelligence Program (CDIP) provided such action was approved by your office. Updated card decks to conform to future issues of the FYDP could also be accommodated. With the FYDP intelligence data available in this card deck form, it would be easy for the CIRIS computer to manipulate this information and turn out the various sorts of displays, sub-totals and other special aggregations that are desired by the DCI.

It is our understanding that a request from you to the ASD (Comptroller) is all that is required to establish a standing arrangement of this sort. Since the forthcoming program reviews as well as the CIRIS data base use the FYDP as a reference and control point, it would be most helpful to us if you could make such an arrangement with the Comptroller at this time. The implementation should begin with the furnishing of card decks covering the February 22, 1971 FYDP (FYs 63-76).

From recent discussions with ASD (Comptroller) representatives, we believe that the details listed in the attachment to this letter contain the specific information needed by ASD (Comptroller) to set up this arrangement on a continuing basis. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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Attachment

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Attachment to letter to ASD (Administration) from Bronson Tweedy, D/DCI,
dated 29 March 1971

Subject: Request for Card Deck on Intelligence Program Elements in FYDPs,
to be Provided on a Recurring Basis.

Background

The Approved Program figures presented in the FYDP provide the official base from which DASD(I) and the National Intelligence Resources Board (NIRB) begin their analyses of the utilization of intelligence resources. The FYDP figures serve as control totals that are further subdivided among the individual units and activities that report into the Consolidated Intelligence Resources Information System (CIRIS). In the CIRIS these resources are related to the functions performed and the target objectives of the units and activities.

The CIRIS data base is maintained for DASD(I) and the NIRB on computers provided by the Office of the DCI and located at the CIA Headquarters. This is a service of common concern. The CIRIS computer outputs are one of the major sources of information used in the conduct of Defense intelligence program reviews.

It is now essential that the FYDP Intelligence Program Element data be machine-manipulatable along with the CIRIS target-oriented data. To accomplish this, it is desirable that card decks on the Intelligence Program Elements in FYDPs be provided to the DCI's office on a recurring basis with each publication of the FYDP.

Proposed Implementation

Representatives of the DCI's office and DASD(I) met on 16 March with Mr. A. South of ASD (Comptroller) and Mr. E. Rubright. The latter representatives advised that ASD (Comptroller) could supply the CIRIS system with a card deck of Program Elements comprising the Consolidated Defense Intelligence Program (CDIP) subsequent to each updating of the FYDP, provided such action was approved by DASD(I).

The card decks should be addressed to the Office of the Director of Central Intelligence, Attention Director of CIRIS Staff, Room 6E25, CIA Headquarters Building, Washington, D. C. 20505.

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